

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10, with the following:

Broadcast communications equipment communicate electrical signals via triaxial cables which are well known. A variety of triaxial cable connectors of different styles and formats are known as well. Examples of such cables and connectors may be found in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,967,852; and 6,109,963; ~~6,539,161; and 6,665,484.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4, with the following:

Boots 54 and 56 each include a grooved gripping surface 58 and a tapered cable end portion 60 with an opening 62 for a triaxial cable 64 (shown in FIG. 3) to extend from the connector within each boot. Gripping surface 58 permits a user to securely grasp either connector 50 or 52 and exert proper axially tension on a locking mechanism of connector 40 or 42 to release the mating connectors of pair 51. Such locking mechanisms are well known in the art and are described in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,967,852; and 6,109,963; ~~6,539,161; and 6,665,484,~~ the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. These mechanisms resist un-mating of connectors when tension is applied to cables 64 and permit un-mating when outer sleeves 48 of connectors 40 and 42 are moved axially relative to the rest of the connector. In pair 51, boots 54 and 56 meet, overlap and engage each other to form a junction 66 at distal ends 68 and 70, respectively, of each boot. Junction 66 may preferably be water, air or dust resistant, or may be an area of engagement of boots 54 and 56.